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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE JUST ISSUED BY GVN
FOREIGN MINISTRY:

QTE: THE SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES:

THE VIETNAMESE MILITARY COMMAND IS MOUNTING AN EMERGENCY
RESCUE OPERATION TO RESCUE SURVIVORS OF PATROL ESCORT SHIP
HQ-10 REPORTED MISSING ON JANUARY 19, 1974, CONSECUTIVE TO
ENGAGEMENTS WITH COMMUNIST CHINESE NAVAL FORCES THE
AREA OF THE HOANG SA (PARACELS) ARCHIPELAGO.

ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS, THE CRIPPLED HQ-10 IS STILL
ON HIGH SEA, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE HOANG SA ARCHIPELAGO AND
DA NANG.
THE ABOVE RESCUE OPERATION SERVES NO MILITARY PUURPOSE
AND IS UNIQUELY AIMED AT SAVING HUMAN LIVES. IT WILL BE CARRIED
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OUT BY TWO UNITS OF THE VIETNAMESE NAVY AND ONE SPOTTER PLANE,

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IN A QUADRANGLE DELIMITED BY COORDINATES A (15 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES,
28 SECONDS NORTH - 110 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES, 18 SECONDS EAST),
B (14 DEGREES, 50 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS NORTH - 110 DEGREES,
40 MINUTES, 27 SECONDS EAST), C (15 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES,
36 SECONDS NORTH - 111 DEGREES, 10 MINUTES, 00 SECONDS EAST)
AND D (16 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES, 00 SECONDS NORTH -
110 DEGREES, 40 MINUTES, 48 SECONDS EAST).
IT IS EXPECTED TO LAST 48 HOURS. UNQTE

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